

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-08-23
December 29, 2008

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); ARM 17.30.1001 *et seq.*, Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, statements of basis, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: City of Chinook
P.O. Box 1177
Chinook, MT 59523

FACILITY NAME: City of Chinook Water Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: Township 33N, Range 19E, Section 34, Blaine County

RECEIVING WATER: Milk River

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0030473

This permit is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for surface discharge of treated filter backwash from a municipal surface water conventional treatment facility. The permittee backwashes filters used in treatment of Milk River water for domestic consumption. The backwash wastewater undergoes primary settling prior to discharge back to the Milk River. The proposed renewed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity, with monthly reporting of results. This permit and Statement of Basis will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

On September 21, 2000, a U.S. District Judge issued an order stating that until all necessary total maximum daily loads under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act are established for a

particular water quality limited segment, the State is not to issue any new permits or increase permitted discharges under the MPDES program. The order was issued in the lawsuit Friends of the Wild Swan v. U.S. EPA, et al., CA 97-35-M-DWM, District of Montana, Missoula Division. The DEQ finds that the issuance of this proposed permit does not conflict with the order because this is not a new or increased source.

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APPLICANT: Jefferson Local Development Corp
P.O Box 1079
309 East Legion
Whitehall, MT 59759

FACILITY NAME: Sunlight Business Park

FACILITY LOCATION: Section 31, Township 02 North, Range 03 West,
Jefferson County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001a and 001b: Class III Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000192

This is a new permit for a wastewater treatment system to service the proposed Sunlight Business Park (SBP). The SBP is located north of the Jefferson River and Jefferson Slough East of the town of Whitehall in Jefferson County. The proposed SBP wastewater treatment system will service the commercial units of the business park and treat domestic wastewater. The receiving water for the proposed discharge is Class III ground water, as such it is not subject to the Montana Nondegradation Policy (75-5-303, MCA). The permit contains numeric permit limits and monitoring requirements in accordance with the Montana Water Quality Act. The Department has determined that the proposed discharge will not cause degradation to state waters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS January 29, 2009.** Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked **PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS January 29, 2009** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail Dianne Beaman at WPBPublicNotices@mt.gov.

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373 and 17.30.1024).

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The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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